

The ACT to encourage the Bringing in Plate to the Mint to be Coined, and for the further Remedying the Ill State of the Coin of this Kingdom, Enacts;

THAT all Persons, Natives or Foreigners, Colleges or Halls, Bodies Politick or Corporate, that shall bring any Wrought Plate into his Majesty's Mint, shall have it coined without any Charge, and shall receive it back in Coin, in order, and have Sixpence an Ounce allow'd for the Loss in the Fashion.

After the 4th of May, 1696. and before the 4th of Novemb. ensuing.

That no Person keeping an Inn, Tavern, Alehouse, or Victualling-house, selling Wine, Ale, Beer, or any other Liquors by Retail, shall publicly use, or expose to be used in their Houses, any Wrought or Manufactur'd Plate whatsoever, or any Utensils or Vessels thereof, (except Spoons) under the Penalty of forfeiting the same, or the full Value, with Costs, to him that shall sue in any of the King's Courts of Record.

After the 4th of May, 1696.

That no Person shall have a Press for Coinage in his Possession, upon Forfeiture of five hundred Pounds; half to the King, half to the Informer.

After the 3d of May, 1696.

That no Person shall export any Melted Silver or Bullion, but upon Oath before the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, that the same was and is foreign Bullion: and all Bullion exported without Certificate as aforesaid, shall be forfeited: Also the Proprietor shall pay double the Value. If the Master of the Ship shall knowingly permit such Bullion to be put on board, he shall forfeit 200*l.* if a Captain of a Ship of War, the like Sum, and lose his Employment.

After the last Day of March, 1696.

That any Officer granting a Cocket without a Certificate, forfeits 200*l.* and loses his Employment.

That whosoever shall take or receive any Clipt Money otherwise than what is directed by the Act of Parliament, for remedying the Ill State of the Coin, shall forfeit double the Value.

After the 4th of May, 1696.

That no Person shall utter or receive any Guineas or other Pieces of Gold Coin at any higher Rate or Value than twenty two Shillings, and so in proportion, upon the Penalty of double the Value of Gold so received or paid, and also twenty Pounds, half to the King, half to the Informer.

After the 10th of April, 1696.